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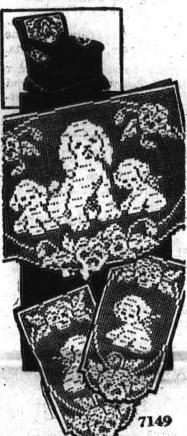
WHILE IT IS NOT LARGE, the Icelandic community in Western Canada has occupied an important place in the life of that part of the country, and has contributed outstanding personalities in professional and public life. It is of interest, therefore, to many people that a chair of Icelandic language is to be established at the University of Manitoba. This will be one means of preserving the culture of these pioneer citizens who came to the Canadian West seventy-five years ago and settled on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, where they earned their living by farming and fishing.

**Largest Group In America** There are 15,000 people of Icelandic descent in Manitoba and they constitute the largest group of Icelanders living anywhere outside of their native land. It is estimated that there are another 10,000 Icelanders living in various parts of the United States and Canada, but the group in Manitoba is looked upon as the centre of Icelandic culture on this continent. The Icelanders consider their language to be among the classic languages, comparable to Latin and Greek, and because of this the community in Manitoba has raised \$155,000 of a proposed \$200,000 endowment for the chair of Icelandic literature and language at the University of Manitoba.

**Will Interest Many Students** The courses offered are expected to be of interest to advanced students in English and the classics and to students of Icelandic descent who wish to study their native language and literature. Much has been said in the past of the blending of the cultures of other lands with ours, as a result of the mixing of the many national groups which make up the population of Canada. The establishment of the chair of Icelandic language and literature at the University of Manitoba will remain as a lasting tribute to the part which the Icelandic people have played in the life of this country, and to their ancient culture, which they have preserved here.

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### Dog Saves Farmer's Life From Mad Bull

NEEPAWA, Man.—A timely attack on a bull by a farm dog is credited with saving the life of a middle-aged farm assistant near Neepawa, Man.

Peter McNab, employed on the farm of his cousin, Bob Davidson, seven miles southwest of Neepawa, suffered a broken collarbone, several cracked ribs, bruises and shock when mauled by the bull.

## Oil Drilling Planned For Central Sask.

REGINA—Superior Oils of Canada Ltd., General Petroleum of Canada Ltd., and Bata Petroleum Ltd., are now starting a joint drilling program in west central Saskatchewan, it was learned yesterday.

It was also learned that Superior Oils has increased its Saskatchewan interest by a 42 1/2 per cent. stake in 491,000 acres.

This was obtained from Bata Petroleum of Regina. It includes 123,000 acres of C.P.R. reservation and 368,000 acres of special agreement crown permit.

General Petroleum has 42 1/2 per cent. of these lands and Bata retains 15 per cent.

### Rabies Being Spread By Skunks From U.S.

WEYBURN, Sask.—The presence of rabies, a canine disease, in skunks in the United States territory adjacent to Canada is very likely to lead to the spread of this infection into southern Canada and all persons seeing skunks are advised to kill them.

Dr. A. J. Andries, Weyburn sub-district veterinarian, federal department of agriculture, said in an interview here.

Last summer an outbreak of rabies occurred in Minnesota, spread into South Dakota and started this past spring in North Dakota.

Dr. Andries stated that it is believed that the skunks have already started travelling northward into the country. Many skunks have been seen in southern Saskatchewan this year than for quite a number of years previously. He said the skunks apparently travel by night.

Large numbers of skunks have been seen dead along roads and highways in the southern sections of the province. Dr. Andries said he noted at least eight dead skunks along highway No. 33 between North Portal and Estevan.

It is believed that if the skunk population is eliminated, a great deal of danger might be avoided. The department of agriculture has circulated this information to divisional veterinarians, provincial authorities, practising veterinarians and municipal secretaries living within a radius of 50 miles of the United States border.

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Canada mines 80 per cent. of the world's nickel supply.



**DELIGHTED WITH CANADA** — A British undercover agent in France during World War II, Odette Brinkman (above), is now touring Canada as leader of 50 British girls. The 39-year-old Frenchwoman, who in 1943 was captured by the Nazis and sentenced to death, was first made a Dame of the George Cross. The girl, however, is particularly enjoyed Canada's scenery and is delighted with Canadian accent.—Central Press Canadian.

## Funny and Otherwise

I always listen to advice. I'm quite sure that I need it. And some day—if I live that long I'm certain that I'll need it.

A Scot whose child had swallowed a sixpence rang up the doctor.

"How old is it?" asked the doctor.

"It's a bright new one, dated 1950," replied the father.

1st golfer: The traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?

2nd same: They sure are. Would you mind closing yours?

A boy from the irrigated desert area around Phoenix, Arizona, went to Houston, Texas, to attend college. The very first week he wrote home: "Dear Mom and Pop: You know that stuff comes off our farms in Arizona? Well, it falls right out of the sky over here."

Magistrate: "But the fact of your neighbor playing the piano was no reason why you should go into the street and create a breach of the peace."

Living in the past has one point in its favor—it's cheaper.

A boxer came round after being knocked out. "Is my opponent champion now?" he asked.

"Not him," replied his second.

"He's been beaten twice since he knocked you out."

Prison Governor (addressing convicts): "I've let you have radios, given you concerts, let you play football and smoke, and still you're trouble. What is it you want?"

Old Lag: "How about a cross-country run?"

The maid had finally announced her departure to her mistress.

"But what's the matter, Nora?"

asked the lady of the house.

"Ain't you going to be enough?"

"Don't worry, you all right."

"Well, ma'am—the wages are all right and you mostly treats me all right," was the reply, "but the trouble is this. There's too much shifting of the dishes for the fewness of the victuals."

### Farm Dog Breaks Fall Of Child

STAVELY, Alta.—Four-year-old Joyce Oviatt of Calgary fell from a second-storey bedroom window.

She landed on a farm dog lying on a concrete sidewalk below.

Joyce broke her collarbone.

The dog apparently wasn't hurt much.

### PEGGY

C'MON, DOTTY. LET'S GO OUT AND BUY SOME POPCORN WHILE THE NEWS-REEL'S ON!

The End

## Weather Still Man's Big Gamble Despite Attention of Science :: :

By GROVER BRINKMAN  
(CPC Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Man's biggest adversary—the weather—hasn't changed much since the days of record history. The atomic age hasn't affected it, neither have the writings of politicians, and John Q. Public.

We would all like to do something about it—but how? It's too hot in mid-summer, too cold in January; too rainy in March, and too dry in August.

People believe in weather signs, many of which are steeped very deep in superstition, handed down from ancient days. Some of them are passed a bit with each re-telling. Yet many of these old adages contain more than a morsel of truth.

Smoke rising straight upward from a chimney in the morning is a sure sign of good weather ahead, old-timers persist. Science now admits that there is a lot of basic truth in simple phenomena, which is a good substitute for a barometer reading.

A ring around the moon is a certain sign of storms coming within hours, you've heard. Science says okay to that one, too. That halo is caused by a thin layer of clouds, floating high in the heavens, with tiny ice crystals forming—proof of rain or storm in the next 24 hours.

An elderly grandmother told me the other day to expect rain within 24 hours, because her cat was eating grass. Without trying to disprove her belief, it seems more probable that the cat was merely trying to catch something.

You've heard this one: "Evening red and morning gray, send the traveler on his way." And its counterpart: "Red in the morning, sailor take warning." Know where these originated? You'll find them in your Bible, Matthew 16, verses two and three.

Many factors of people's lives have also been tested by science. So it is also natural that they should seek some mysterious sign or symbol that would foretell the weather.

Many of the signs became popular through constant usage and repetition are pure fancy. We've men who call themselves rainmakers, and we have intrepid airmen who fly into hurricanes merely to chart the wind velocity.

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cordingly are more sensitive to humidity and falling air pressure that usually precedes storms.

Weather is the most universal topic of conversation, man-made or natural. Whether he is an ultra-modern city man or a simple tiller of the soil, because weather influences the three economic essentials of life; food, clothing, shelter. No wonder we talk about it!

People who live in favorable climates prosper and increase in number; they weaken and finally fall into decay when weather is constantly against them. Part of this is the instinct and memory of the juries that forever battle equatorial juries.

From time immemorial, man has studied the wind, the clouds, the sky. He has made some progress. Radio and radar are being used to hunt tornadoes and chart hurricanes. We've men who call themselves rainmakers, and we have intrepid airmen who fly into hurricanes merely to chart the wind velocity.

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"Thunder in January, frost in June," is an old one. So far scientists cannot associate any basic of fact to the old adage. However, people are right about clouds and broken limbs that have healed often say that a change of weather is coming, "for they can feel it in their bones." A change in barometric pressure could cause this, scientists say, giving fact to the theory.

Many gardeners and farmers believe in "moon signs". You must plant under the right moon sign, or the crop will be a failure.

The weather never lies, right. Generally, though, it's kinder than you think.

We have tornadoes—but very few—compared with the sunny, balmy days. Rains fall usually when they are needed.

### TO COOK THEIR CATCH

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—A school to teach fishermen how to cook the fish they catch will open here next month. The 10-week course will be offered by the 100-year-old school sponsored by the education department and planned by the Fishermen's Co-Operative.

—By Chuck Thurston



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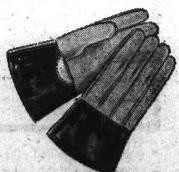
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The next meeting of the WMS will be held at the home of Mrs. Bofgen on September 19 at 8:15 p.m. The new study books are entitled "From Lakes to Northern Lights," and "Home Missions Review." This year we are studying about missionary work in Canada. These two books contain some amazing facts and figures and a wealth of interesting stories and anecdotes. The WMS extends a hearty invitation to all friends and well-wishers to come and study with them. This is a splendid opportunity to learn about and help with missionary work in our own wonderful land.

The Junior W.A. of the Irma United Church will hold a sale of home cooking in the Irma Food Market on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Wellington Watson who passed away in Edmonton on Monday night. Mr. Watson farmed for some years in the Education Point district. His daughter, Mrs. Wm. Patterson still lives in the Irma district.

Mr. and Mrs. McDoff and family have purchased the Blanchard property and are now in residence in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hockett and family are living in the house just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. McDoff.

Mr. Gordon Blakely of Calgary spent last week at Irma with his grandmother Mrs. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helm of Calgary visited the Labour Day week-end here with Mrs. Helm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rohrer.

The first wheat delivered to an Irma elevator this year was brought in to the National Grain Co. on Tuesday, Sept. 11 by Younker Bros. of the Roseberry district. This was Thatcher wheat and had been swath combined and is a fine quality wheat.

Mrs. Alma Enger has taken up her duties as teacher of the Porter Lake school north of Ribstone.

There is a large gas camp at the mouth of Irma. The headquarters is established on the farm of Mr. T. E. Yarr and we understand that the purpose of this camp is to bring gas from the gas field northwest of here to the town of Wainwright. About 10 men are working on this project.

Mr. A. C. Charter was an Edmonton visitor last week.

Mesdames M. Enger, W. Symington, R. C. McFarland, J. C. McLean, C. Smallwood and O. Lovig attended the W.A. Conference held at Tofield on Tuesday. The ladies report a large gathering and a very pleasant and profitable day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh of Hope Valley district were Irma visitors last week-end. Mrs. Pugh's mother, Mrs. F. T. Thurston, returned with them for a short holiday.

Many farmers are having some difficulty in harvesting the exceptionally heavy oat crop this season. Combine users are also having their own troubles. But all in all quite a lot of good grain is coming down in a business-like fashion. How much more time the frost is going to give us is hard to say but everyone's motto is "give every flying minute something to keep in store."



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